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IN RESPONSE TO THE GERMAN CONDITION:

1. THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM COVERED BY REF A CONTAINS
ONE ELECTRONIC SWITCH. THAT SWITCH IS IN THE IMPROVED
MOBILE TELEPHONE SYSTEM (IMTS) BASE STATION IN ROMANIA.
ALTHOUGH THIS SWITCH CAN SERVICE UP TO ELEVEN CHANNELS
WITH THE ADDITION OF CIRCUIT BOARDS AND ENGINEERING CHANGES
TO THE REST OF THE IMTS, THE PROPOSED IMTS IS DEFINED TO
ACCOMMODATE ONLY TWO OF THE ELEVEN POSSIBLE CHANNELS. ANY
INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CHANNELS ABOVE TWO WOULD REQUIRE
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US GOVERNMENT REVIEW AND LICENSING, AS WELL AS COMMITTEE
CONCURRENCE. US EXPERTS BELIEVE THE ROMANIANS HAVE NEITHER
THE TECHNOLOGY NOR THE KNOW-HOW TO MAKE ANY CHANGES IN THE
CAPACITY OF THE IMTS.

2. IN PROVIDING THE GERMAN DEL WITH THE ABOVE INFORMATION,
USDEL SHOULD NOTE THAT WE ARE CURIOUS AS TO THE BASIS FOR
THE GERMAN CONCERN. IF THE INTENT OF THAT CONCERN IS TO

BE ASSURED THAT THE SWITCH IS RESTRICTED IN CAPACITY TO THAT IN THE CONFIGURATION PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE, WE BELIEVE OUR ANSWER IN PARA 1 ABOVE SHOULD ALLAY THAT CONCERN. IF, HOWEVER, THE GERMANS ARE ANGLING FOR A DOWN-

GRADING THE IMTS BY SUBSTITUTING AN ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL SWITCH, WE WOULD LIKE TO LEARN WHY THEY CONSIDER SUCH A CHANGE NECESSARY. SUCH A CHANGE WOULD EFFECT ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE OVERALL SYSTEM TECHNOLOGY BUT WOULD BE REGARDED AS A MAJOR DOWNGRADING BY THE ROMANIANS AND COULD CAUSE THEM TO QUESTION THE RELIABILITY AND QUALITY OF THE SYSTEM.

(FYI : WE UNDERSTAND THE GERMANS ARE ON THE VERGE OF MARKETING A SIMILAR IMTS AND THEIR CONCERN MAY BE BASED ON COMMERCIAL REASONS RATHER THAN SECURITY GROUNDS.) CHRISTOPHER

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